

What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

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sNewsletter #33:

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I hope you all had a pleasant week. The weather certainly hasn't been letting up on the coastal cities. Perhaps this week will be better. Let's hope!

Here is what is happening this week:

Lancaster Trip to CNG and closing of the MBS 106 (Sept 13)

I fly out to Lancaster on Monday morning bright and early and I'll spend a few nice days with the staff of CNG. I'm looking forward to view the 106th mail bid sale and maybe to catch a few glimpses at upcoming lots in Triton. If you would like me to view any coins let me know as soon as possible. I'll take bids up until the very end of the auction but advance notice is definitely appreciated. If you have already submitted bids to me expect an email on Monday detailing my viewing notes. Any unfinished business with bid levels will happen Monday night and into Tuesday. I hope you'll take advantage of the opportunity of me being physically there. Please contact me if you have questions on my representation services.

Upcoming Auctions

DNW Auction Sale (Sept 13-15)

DNW has a massive sale of 2,232 coins over the course of three days. There are several small collections being auctioned none that are really "top shelf" items. There a fair amount of Roman bronzes and even more selections of medieval coinage from Britain and France. I'm not planning to bid but if you are interested in inexpensive pedigreed material it might be worth your while. Please note that DNW has a 20% buyer's premium. You can view the auction on Sixbid and Numisbids.

Paul-Francis Jacquier Auction 43 (Sept 15)

Anyone interested in coins or numismatic books in this auction should contact me. I have to register for the auction still but I plan to do this no matter if I have customer bids or not. I'll likely try to expand my library a bit more since there are some nice books from the BCD collection available.

Naville Numismatic E Auction 34 (closes Sept 17)

NN has 632 ancient coins with an emphasis with E.E. Clain Stefanelli collection pieces. Always a good site to find low cost pedigreed coins. Of course there are plenty coins that are not pedigreed but everything is quite reasonable in price.

Agora Auction 59 (closes Sept 19)

Agora has 449 lots in their 59th auction. Agora has everything from ancient coins to antiquities. There are plenty of inexpensive coins to choose from.

Hardcore History with Dan Carlin

I just had a nice conversation with a customer and he told me of some wonderful podcasts that he has been listening to. Dan Carlin is described in itunes as "for those craving a deeper intellectual analysis, a less partisan approach and unpredictable outside-the-box revelations, Common Sense with Dan Carlin is a feast for the mind". Along with current events Carlin also does provocative podcasts on ancient history. My opinion is that most literature on ancient history can be quite dry. Carlin approaches it a bit differently. Here is a link to the site and you can decide for yourself!

<http://www.dancarlin.com/hardcore-history-series/>

London/Germany Trip (Sept 19-27)

I'm starting to plan out my days for my London/Germany trip so if you are interested in the Roma or Künker auction please let me know soon. I have a few extra Roma catalogs so please let me know if you would like a copy. Unfortunately I ran out of Künker catalogs. Happily they all can be seen online.

Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

C. Calpurnius L.f. Frugi. Rome, 67 BC.

AR Denarius, 3.98g (17mm, 6h). Head of Apollo r., hair bound with fillet; behind, head of eagle. Rev. Horseman galloping r., wearing conical cap and holding palm branch; below, C·PISO·L·F·FRV / wheat grain.

Pedigree: Ex NAC 78, 26/27 May 2014, lot 447. Ex Galerie des Monnaies Geneva sale November 1976, 33

Price: \$2,000

The issue of C. Calpurnius L.f. Frugi is a departure from the standard issue during the Republic. Compared with other moneyers there is a sizeable output of coins. Crawford notes 53 obverse dies and 59 reverse dies. The random pairing of dies translated into numerous die-combinations. According to Hirsch the Roman mint was attempting to regulate the output based on the different control marks (NC 1976, p. 7). The plan failed as the method of pairing the dies was rather haphazard. The obverse dies and reverse dies were believed to be kept in two separate boxes and handed out to the mint workers. There was no procedure followed so the test never succeeded. The pairings do make an interesting study for the collector of Republican coins however in that collecting the entire series is near impossible for the average person.

The moneyer Caius came from a plebeian family and was the son in law of the famous statesman and orator Cicero. Caius was betrothed to Tullia around the time that these coins were struck. They subsequently married in 63 BC when Cicero was consul. The coins show Apollo on the obverse and a horseman galloping on the reverse which likely is a reference to the Ludi Apollineres which his ancestor C. Calpurnius Piso proposed in the 3rd century BC. These solemn games were dedicated to the god Apollo, the god of healing. In addition, the issue is notable for its extremely high relief obverse dies. The high relief makes the issue the thickest coins in the Republican series.

References: Babelon Calpurnia 24. Sydenham 841d. C. Hersh NC 1976, 289. Crawford 408/1b.

Grade: A portrait of exquisite style struck in high relief with a lovely iridescent tone and extremely fine

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

If you are interested in any other coins I have available please visit my website www.shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
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